

SENATE BILL 3974
By Herron

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 3,
Chapter 6, Part 3, and Chapter No. ___ of the
Public Acts of 2006 (SB 7001 / HB 7001) relative
to lobbying.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Chapter No. ___ of the Public Acts of 2006 (SB 7001 / HB 7001) is
amended by deleting SECTION 35, § 3-6-302(b)(2), and by substituting instead the following:

(2) As a component of the registration process, each lobbyist shall electronically
file a registration statement that includes the following information:

(A) Lobbyist's name, business address, telephone number and e-mail
address;

(B) Name, business address, telephone number and e-mail address of
each employer the lobbyist is authorized to represent;

(C) Subject matters lobbied for such employers during the registration
year, to be indicated among general categories listed by the ethics commission;

(D) Legislation actively lobbied for such employers during the registration
year by means of direct communication with the governor or any member of the
general assembly specifically urging passage, defeat or amendment of the
legislation, to be identified by bill or resolution number;

(E) Name and business address of any member of the lobbyist's
immediate family who is an official within the legislative or executive branch; and

(F) The extent of any direct business arrangement or partnership
between the lobbyist and any candidate for public office or any official in the
legislative or executive branch.

SECTION 2. Chapter No. __ of the Public Acts of 2006 (SB 7001 / HB 7001) is amended by deleting SECTION 35, § 3-6-308(a)(8), and by substituting instead the following:

(8) Compile and publish, on the commission's web site, the following reports listing:

(A) All registered employers, alphabetically;

(B) All registered lobbyists, alphabetically;

(C) Each subject matter category specified by the ethics commission for purposes of § 3-6-302(b)(2)(C), with each lobbyist listed thereunder who lobbied such subject matter category during the registration year; and

(D) Each bill or resolution for which any lobbyist indicated interest for purposes of § 3-6-302(b)(2)(D), with each lobbyist listed thereunder who lobbied such bill or resolution during the registration year.

The ethics commission may prepare and publish on its Internet site such other reports as are deemed to be appropriate and in the public interest;

SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to that end the provisions of this act are declared to be severable.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.